

DAVE HILL thinks we may be wrong with the identity put forward in the last Bulletin. He has it on a ½d QV vermilion with part duplex ... LEY F 1? F12 is Batley and is probably G & J Stublely as G2850.01 (GJS) and G2860.01(G&/JS) - identities in Tomkins. Stublely's were woollen manufacturers at Bottom Mills, Bradford Road and Hick Lane Mills. They still existed in 1951.

Jack Brandt has 2 1d lilacs (no covers), cancels F12 and probably 253. F12 is Batley (Yorks) and 253 is Dewsbury (Yorks). Both these are close to each other but about 60 miles south of Darlington. This enlarges the area - the plot thickens!